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Conservation Agriculture & No-till Farming Association (CANFA)

What Is It?

The Conservation Agriculture & No-till Farming Association is a leading farmer driven organisation committed to supporting its members and regional communities in the understanding and improvement of soil health.

Formerly known as the Central West Conservation Farming Association (CWFCFA), the role and management structure of Association has evolved to meet the changing needs of its members since its inception in 1994.

The common goal shared by founding members of 'improving soil health' was the catalyst for the formation of the Association. While not formally defined, this goal has remained as a focus for activities throughout the Association's development.

In the early years, many members sought information on and assistance with the evaluation of conservation farming seeding machinery and components to improve soil health. This need was serviced by field days with working demonstrations of farm workshop machine conversions and static displays of individual machinery components.

While the keen interest by members in seeding machinery modification remains, over time there have been additional interests that have developed in relation to soil management. Such interests include stubble management, application of crop and pasture protection chemicals (herbicides, fungicides and insecticides), controlled traffic farming, crop rotations, precision agriculture and pasture management. In parallel with the evolution of the Association, there has been a growing recognition of the critical importance of 'soil health' for both agricultural production and natural resource management.

The general concerns regarding 'soil health' by industry and the general community are now formally recognised. Soil health is a first order objective of the Federal Government and within the key natural resource management plans for regional communities developed by the Catchment Management Authorities, supported by State Government Agencies.

CANFA Vision & Mission

'Soil health' is considered to be greatly underestimated as a crucial natural resource management issue within the Australian environment. This occurs despite the broad recognition of soil based land degradation issues including dryland salinity, acidity, sodicity and structural decline. Soil health is inextricably linked to dryland salinity, soil carbon levels and biodiversity. Healthy soils give rise to low ground water recharge in both agricultural and natural landscapes, while supporting a diverse array of flora and fauna. As a result, there is growing demand from land managers for practical support in the development and implementation of management systems to improve soil health. To a large degree, this demand for practical support is not being met by other organisations.